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SUBJ: IRISH - CZECH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

1. A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT THE IRISH AND CZECH GOVERNMENTS WILL EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS AND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. NO DEFINITE DATE HAS BEEN SET AS YET. THE DETAILS WERE AGREED UPON IN A "JOINT DECLARATION" SIGNED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AT THE UN IN NEW YORK ON DECEMBER

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26. OUR SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE IRISH AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, TADHG

O'SULLIVAN, HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE IRISH AMBASSADOR TO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES HAVE ALSO TOLD US THAT THE
IRISH WILL OPEN RELATIONS WITH POLAND DURING THE COURSE OF THE
YEAR, AGAIN ON A NON-RESIDENT BASIS.

3. THE MAIN IMPETUS FOR THESE MOVES APPEARS TO BE ECONOMIC
ALTHOUGH TRADE STATISTICS WITH EASTERN EUROPE SO FAR HAVE BEEN
"DISAPPOINTING." THE IRISH ARE HOPING TO INCREASE THEIR EXPORTS
TO EASTERN EUROPE. ALSO, SINCE OPENING RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW
IN 1974, THE GOI HAS FOUND THAT RELATIONS WITH A "COMMUNIST,
ATHEISTIC" GOVERNMENT HAVE BECOME ACCEPTABLE TO THE IRISH PEOPLE.
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